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Response to Applicants' Amendment

1. The Change of Attorney filed 07/19/04 has been acknowledged and entered as paper no. 13.
2. The petition to make special filed 07/16/04 granted on 07/26/04 has been entered as paper no. 15.

The Amendment B filed 07/19/04 entered as paper no. 14 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicants' reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.11 (b) because it does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the new claim(s) 63-84 are patentable over the applied references in the previous Office action or address the Objection to the Abstract containing over 150 words in length or the Objections to the Specification. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicants' are given a time period within which to supply the omission or correction and response to the Final Rejection of 05/09/03 which is **ONE (1) MONTH or Thirty (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 703-308-7064. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 703-308-1038. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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